

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.
Richmond, Nov. 28, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 155. }

I. In order that detachments, unaccompanied by quartermasters, may be supplied with the means of obtaining forage, quartermasters of the regiments or commands to which they belong are hereby authorized to furnish to the officer in command, or such other officer as may be designated, sufficient funds for that purpose, upon duplicate receipts being given therefor. Upon the return of the detachment, the officer receiving such funds shall return to the quartermaster an account of the expenditures for forage, which will exhibit the amount expended, the number of animals, and the time during which they shall have been subsisted. Upon the rendition of such accounts, and the repayment of any unexpended balance in his hands, the officer will be entitled to the return of his original receipts, and the quartermaster will account for the forage so obtained, as if the same had been purchased and issued by him.

II. When small detachments are sent off, unaccompanied by a commissioned officer, quartermasters are authorized to commute their forage rations in advance, for the time designated in the order for such detached service, filing a certified copy of such order in support of the voucher; or upon the return of detachments to their commands, when no funds shall have been supplied under the foregoing provisions, expenditures incurred for forage by the officer in command of such detachments, within the regulation allowance, may be reimbursed by the quartermaster of the command, upon accounts supported by affidavits, and approved by the commanding officer.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.